

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 11-12 and 16-28 are pending in this application. Claims 11, 17, and 18 are the independent claims. Claims 11 and 17-19 are currently amended and claims 13-15 are canceled without prejudice to and/or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 21-28 are newly added. Support for the newly added claims can at least be found in original/previously presented claims 11-14 and 19-20, thus, the Applicant believes that no new matter is added.

Claim 11 is objected to because of informalities.

Claims 11-14, 16 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Jansen et al. (USP 6,319,233) (“Jansen”).

Claims 15 and 17-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of these rejections in view of the following remarks and the foregoing amendments.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15 and 17-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

III. Claim Objections

In the foregoing amendments, claim 11 is amended to correct any perceived ambiguity. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

IV. Pending Claims

The Office Action indicated that claims 15 and 17-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, without waiving any argument, and to advance prosecution, claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15, and claims 17 and 18 have been rewritten independently.

Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 11, 17, and 18, as well as their dependent claims, are patentable over the cited references.

V. Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4420 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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